Mr. K. Krishnamurti Rao said that the whole of the tree tax might be recovered in advance before the tree was marked and the liability of the owner thus cancelled.

Reply of Government.—Will be considered.

SUBJECT No. 182.

Transfer of toddy shops.

Mr. Anjaneyasetty, Pavagada taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The contract for toddy shops cannot be transferred by the contractors without the sanction of the Excise Commissioner. This causes hardship. The restriction may be removed.

Reply of Government.—Not feasible.

SUBJECT No. 183.

Triennial lease of toddy shops.

Mr. Anjaneyasetti, Pavagada taluk.

Summary of discussion.—In some places toddy shops are let out on three years' contract experimentally. This system may be introduced into all the taluks.

Reply of Government.—The results of the experiments now made may be awaited.

SUBJECT No. 184.

Payment of excise *khists*.

Mr. Anjaneyasetti, Pavagada taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Formerly, time was being given till the 20th of each month for payment of excise *khists*. The present rule requiring payment to be made before the 10th of each month works as a hardship. The old rule may be revived.

Reply of Government.—Not feasible.

SUBJECT No. 185.

Excise revenue and inamdars.

Messrs. Raghavachar, Pavagada taluk, and Anniah Pandit, Mysore City Municipal Council.

Summary of discussion.—Excise revenue due to inamdars have not been paid to them since 1897. This question is 18 years old. Orders may be passed early in this matter.

Reply of Government.—The matter is under consideration.

SUBJECT No. 186.

Sale of liquors to women and children.

Mr. C. Narasimhayya, Heggaddevankote taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Sale of all kinds of liquors to women and children may be prohibited and made penal.

In Ceylon, sale to women is prohibited. Women give drinks to young children. Sale to women in shops may perhaps be allowed, but they should not be allowed to take liquor home.

Reply of Government.—Existing rules prohibit the sale of liquor to children. It is not possible to prohibit sale to women.

PUBLIC WORKS.

(Nos. 187—190.)

SUBJECT No. 187.

Transfer of the malnad District Fund roads to Provincial Funds.

Mr. H. Krishna Rao, Koppa taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The gravelled malnad roads now under the control of District Boards may be transferred to the Provincial list and the same metalled as they get bad two or three months after repairs.

Reply of Government.—Not possible.

SUBJECT No. 188.

Supply of water for cultivation during summer.

Mr. Venkatachar, Hole-Narsipur Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—It is learnt that the bund of the Cauvery reservoir has been constructed to a height of 60 feet. As sufficient water may now be stored for the

generation of electricity, water may be allowed in the Cauvery and Hemavathi Channels during summer as per *mamool* and facilities afforded for the cultivation of sugarcane and green manure.

Reply of Government.—The matter will receive consideration.

SUBJECT No. 189.

Annual repairs to branch channels.

Mr. G. Venkataramana Setty, T.-Narsipur taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The rate of assessment on lands below branch channels is the same as that on the lands below main channels, but the annual repairs to the former channels are to be done by the holders of the lands below them. At present, the repairs are not properly attended to by the raiyats on the ground that the repairs of the main channels are being done by Government.

The annual repairs of branch channels may be done by Government as in the case of main channels.

Reply of Government.—People must do it according to *mamool*.

SUBJECT No. 190.

Prohibition of cultivation of lands by the side of tank feeders.

Messrs. Narasimha Murti, Malvalli Municipality and Upadhya Srinivasiengar, Nagamangala taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The contour line of some of the major and minor tanks belong to villages other than those in which the main tank is included. The raiyats holding assessed lands through which the feeders run were formerly using them as pasture lands only, but in recent years the lands are being cultivated and as a result silt brought down by erosion fills up the feeders, thus causing diminution of water-supply to tanks. Raiyats holding lands by the side of tank feeders may be prohibited from cultivating them up to the contour line and *honge* trees may be caused to be planted in the margin.

Reply of Government.—No general rule can be passed. Specific cases may be brought to the notice of the Chief Engineer.

RAILWAYS.

(*Nos. 191—199.*)

SUBJECT No. 191.

Prevention of overcrowding in 3rd class compartments of railway carriages.

Messrs. H. Krishna Sastry and Venkatasubbaiya, Krishnarajpete taluk, Padmanna, Chendrasekhariah and K. Venkatasamiah, Nanjangud taluk, Parameswariah and Ammannappa, Mandya taluk, Adinaranayya, Chandrasekharayya and Devasettappa, Dodballapur taluk and Chikka Guruva Reddy, Bangalore taluk.

Summary of discussion.—In every train, one compartment is reserved for Eurasian travellers and although the same be vacant, no other passenger is allowed to sit in it. In spite of the rule that no more than four passengers should be seated on each side of every compartment, more passengers are thrust in and sometimes passengers are thrust into waggons even. To obviate such overcrowding and inconvenience, the rule may be caused to be strictly observed and carriages kept in reserve in all important stations for use whenever necessary.

Reply of Government.—Government are aware of the difficulties and will do whatever is possible.